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SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE: LETTER FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO CHAIRMAN OF FOURTH COMMITTEE

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 6 FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PERMREP ABDULAH TO UN FOURTH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOKA-BANGURA. LETTER WAS CIRCULATED AS UN DOCUMENT A/C.4/797. TEXT OF A TELEGRAM DATED NOVEMBER 6 FROM TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS TO THE PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO IS APPENDED TO LETTER.

QUOTE LETTER DATED 6 NOVEMBER 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT HERewith THE TEXT OF A TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TODAY BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE HONOURABLE ERIC WILLIAMS, TO THE PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO CONCERNING THE QUESTION OF BELIZE. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE CIRCULATION OF THE TEXT
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AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE FOURTH COMMITTEE FOR THE INFORMA-

TION OF ITS MEMBERS. THE TEXT OF THE TELEGRAM HAS ALSO BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA.

(SIGNED) FRANK O. ABDULAH PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO THE UNITED NATIONS UNQUOTE

QUOTE TEXT OF A TELEGRAM DATED 6 NOVEMBER 1975 FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO

AS CHAIRMAN PRO TEM OF ECLA PENDING ITS NEXT MEETING IN GUATEMALA, I REITERATE MY PLEA, MADE TO YOU BOTH AT THE FINAL SESSION OF ECLA AND COMMUNICATED TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES BY THE HEAD OF THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO DELEGATION AND TO THE MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN WASHINGTON, ON THE ONE HAND TO REFRAIN FROM ANY DISRUPTION OF THE PEACE OF THE HEMISPHERE IN RESPECT OF BELIZE, AND ON THE OTHER, ABOUT WHICH AS YOU KNOW I FEEL MOST STRONGLY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OF THE LAST OF THE COLONIAL PEOPLES IN THE HEMISPHERE TO SHAKE OFF THEIR DEPENDENCE, TO RESPECT THE INALIENABLE AND LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF SUCH COLONIAL PEOPLES, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE, TO ACHIEVE IN THEIR OWN WAY AND IN THEIR OWN TIME FULL AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIALISM WITHOUT THE INTERVENTION OR FRUSTRATION OF ANTECEDENT CLAIMS ROOTED IN THE HISTORICAL PAST FROM WHICH WE SHOULD ALL HAVE LONG BEEN EMANCIPATED.

ERIC WILLIAMS, PRIME MINISTER UNQUOTE
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